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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON NAMIBIA

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PERM REP BOTHA TOLD MISOFF AFTERNOON JANUARY 26 THAT HE HAS CHANGED HIS EARLIER PLANS AND NOW INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE BEGINNING TOMORROW. BOTHA FULLY EXPECTS QUESTION OF ANGOLA TO ARISE BEGINNING AS EARLY AS FIRST SPEAKER, AND HE IS PREPARED TO MATCH ANY CHARGES WHICH MAY BE MADE. SPECIFICALLY, BOTHA SAID THAT DURING HS STATEMENT HE ALREADY IS AUTHORIZED TO PROPOSE THAT, GIVEN COUNCIL'S UNCERTAINTY ABOUT SITUATION IN ANGOLA, SECURITY COUNCIL ADJOURN IMMEDIATELY AND PROCEED TO ANGOLA. BOTHA IS SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS (WHICH HE EXPECTS TO RECEIVE) TO ADD TO THAT INVITATION ONE FOR COUNCIL TO TRAVEL FROM ANGOLA TO NAMIBIA. A SECURITY COUNCIL VISIT TO NAMIBIA WOULD RECEIVE, SAID BOTHA, THE FULL COOPERATION OF FROM SAG.

2. BOTHA REALIZES THAT A NON-MEMBER OF COUNCIL CAN NOT MAKE A FORMAL PROPOSAL, AND ASKED WHETHER WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSIST IN HAVING ANOTHER MEMBER, POSSIBLY SWEDEN, MAKE THE PROPOSAL. MISOFF REPLIED THAT HE WOULD REPORT BOTHA'S REQUEST TO DEPT.

3. PARENTHETICALLY, BOTHA SAID THAT HE HAD JUST DISCUSSED THE ANGOLA QUESTION WITH THE PANAMANIAN PERM REP, WHO HAD ASKED HIM WHY THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAD NOT "MOPPED UP" THE CUBANS. THE STORY MAY BE APOCRYPHAL, BUT WE REPORT IT  
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FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH.

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